CLIMATE MONITORING AND DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY

Boulder, Colorado

Mission and Purpose

The Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory (CMDL) is the only federal laboratory whose mission is to monitor atmospheric greenhouse species that affect climate and those that cause ozone layer depletion. Long-term, continuous, precise measurements of climate forcing and ozone layer depleting species are required for climate and ozone layer projections which are delivered to customers through international assessments such as the IPCC Climate Assessments and the UNEP/WMO Ozone Assessments. These assessments provide policy-relevant information on future climate and status of the ozone layer. Linkage to the NOAA Strategic Plan is through Mission Goal 2: *Understand climate variability and change to enhance society's* ability to plan and respond. In the case of ozone and ozone-depleting gases, NOAA, along with NASA, is mandated to report to Congress on their status by the Clean Air Act of 1990. CMDL's research is linked closely to the U.S. Climate Change Science Program which has as its Mission Goal 2: Improve the quantification of the forces bringing about changes in the Earth's climate and related systems, which has been adopted for the NOAA Climate Program Mission Goal 2. CMDL accomplishes its mission through five Baseline Observatories and a global cooperative flask sampling network including more than 50 sites with analysis done in Boulder using CMDL-produced gas standards. Climate forcing species monitored include carbon dioxide and methane and their isotopic carbon content, nitrous oxide, the CFCs, stratospheric and tropospheric ozone, aerosols, solar radiation, and for stratospheric ozone depletion, all the chlorine- and bromine-bearing species that deplete ozone. In addition to policy-relevant information made available in assessments, CMDL uses its data (about 85% of the world's carbon dioxide data) together with data from other countries to form global greenhouse gas data bases (GlobalviewCO2 and GlobalviewCH4) available on the web and experiences 80-100 file download requests per month from government agencies, universities and private citizens in numerous countries. Recently an interactive data visualization program has been added to CMDL's web site which allows non-specialists and students to graph any of CMDL's data.

History.

CMDL was formed in 1990 from climate-related elements within the Boulder branch of the ERL Air Resources Laboratory, in particular, the Geophysical Monitoring for Climatic Change (GMCC) program and the Climate Research Division (CRD). The latter became the Climate Diagnostics Center (CDC) in 1993. Four of the Baseline Observatories (Barrow, Alaska; Mauna Loa, Hawaii; American Samoa; and South Pole Station, Antarctica), are manned sights which were established shortly after NOAA's creation in the early 1970's. A fifth observatory, currently unmanned, was established at Trinidad Head, California in 2002 in order to monitor Asian emissions incident on the west coast of the U.S. The Mauna Loa Observatory carbon dioxide record constitutes the longest continuous carbon dioxide record in the world (45 years) and is considered by many to be the most important long-term environmental record in existence, being the origin for concern about potential long-term climate change.

Financial Data (Dollars in Thousands)

	Permanent	Other	Non-	Pass	TOTAL
Fiscal Year	Funding	NOAA	NOAA	Through	
FY 2001	4098.3	2717.5	2287.3	0	9103.1
FY 2002	4745.2	5882.3	2293.7	0	12921.2
FY 2003	4813.7	7847.4	2039.5	0	14700.6

Personnel Data

FY	FEDERAL EMPLOYE	EES JOINT INST	TITUTE	Contractors	TOTAL
FY 2000	52	35		1	88
FY 2001	48	28		4	80
FY 2002	48	28		0	76
FY 2003	50	31		3	84
Average A	ge Federal/Scientific/E	ngineering and Techni	cal Staff	46	
Average A	ge of JI/Scientific/Engi	neering and Technical	Staff	44	
Federal St		32% MS	6%		
JI Staff	PhD	34% MS	17%		

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PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIPS	Identify and Explain
Joint Institutes	CIRES (Univ. of Colorado): Extensive joint research and atmospheric monitoring projects are conducted at the CMDL Boulder facilities.
	CIFAR : University of Alaska cooperative research in arctic atmospheric science at the Barrow and Boulder facilities.
	CIMMS (Univ. of Oklahoma) and CIRA (Colo. State Univ.): CMDL provides large amounts of high quality data for modelers at both institutions.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER NOAA LABS	AOML and PMEL : CMDL conducts cooperative carbon cycle and halocarbon measurements in the marine environment along with the study of sulfur particulates in the global atmosphere with these labs.
	GFDL: CMDL cooperates in conducting Global Carbon Cycle modeling and

Global Climate Model results compared to observed radiation.

AL: CMDL and AL jointly developed three airborne gas chromatographs for aircraft and balloons and each participates in aircraft missions organized by NASA and NOAA laboratories.

Cooperative investigations of cloud radiative properties and indirect effects of aerosols are undertaken with the AL.

ETL: CMDL investigates the adequacy of radiation and aerosol inputs in predictive atmospheric models and cooperates in the implementation of the SEARCH program.

ARL:

CMDL operates an ARL atmospheric mercury measurement program the Barrow Observatory and ARL conducts cooperative solar radiation measurements and calibrations.

PMEL: CMDL conducts joint aerosol chemical composition measurements and analyses with PMEL.

OTHER OAR PROGRAMS

Arctic Research Program Office: CMDL participated in experiments to determine emissions of important trace gases along the Siberian Railway corridor.

CMDL is assisting in the establishment of two arctic observatories funded by NOAA through the Arctic Research Program Office.

CMDL is conducting a retrospective analysis and expansion of the arctic climatemonitoring network.

Office of Global Programs: CMDL conducts monitoring of radiatively important trace gases on a global scale with funding from this office.

OTHER NOAA RELATIONSHIPS

National Weather Service (NWS): CMDL has total-column ozone and/or solar radiation instrumentation and cooperative operations at seven NWS stations across the U.S. and UV monitoring at the NWS site in Nome and St Paul, Alaska.

NESDIS: CMDL hosts and supports a polar satellite data downlink antenna for NESDIS at the Barrow Observatory.

The Barrow Observatory hosts a NESDIS Climate Reference Network (CRN) site. Similar CRN instruments will be added to the Mauna Loa and Trinidad Head CMDL Baseline Station sites in FY2004.

CMDL obtains carbon cycle flasks from the "Ships of Opportunity Program" operated by NESDIS.

In FY04 The CMDL Carbon Cycle Observing System will be used in collaboration with satellite CO₂ retrievals.

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

Department of Energy (DOE): CMDL hosts the ARM arctic site at the Barrow facility and operates the surface and airborne aerosol monitoring programs at the

DOE Great Plains ARM site in Oklahoma.

The Northeast Regional Center of the National Institute for Global Environmental Change (NIGEC) provides funding to both CMDL and Harvard University to monitor important trace gases at the Harvard Forest tower site, Massachusetts.

Battelle-Northwest Laboratories: CMDL samples for Persistent Organic pollutants (POPS) in the arctic at the Barrow Observatory.

Other DOE: CMDL is host to radionuclide collectors at all of the baseline observatories except Trinidad Head, California.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): CMDL is host to, and provides manpower for a NASA AGAGE site in American Samoa. It also hosts the NOAA/NASA Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC) facility at Mauna Loa, Hawaii and conducts NDSC measurements South Pole

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES - continued

CMDL is the co-investigator in the **NASA Southern Hemisphere Additional Ozonesonde (SHADOZ)** project and operates three international ozonesonde stations in the network.

CMDL operates surface radiation sites at Kwajalein and Bermuda with NASA funding. CMDL contributes a major component to the NASA Clouds and Earth's Radiant Energy System.

CMDL is host to the **NASA AERONET** sunphotometer project's primary calibration site at Mauna Loa Observatory.

Mauna Loa Observatory hosts the **National Center for Atmospheric (NCAR) Research High Altitude Observatory** facilities supported by the National Science Foundation.

CMDL and **NCAR** participate in extensive trace gas intercomparisons to maintain intercomparability and consistency of measurements.

Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSWC): CMDL supports a Navy magnetic fields monitoring installation at the Barrow Observatory.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): CMDL hosts the USDA solar radiation baseline calibration site at Mauna Loa, Hawaii.

CMDL operates precipitation gauges at the Barrow Baseline station for the USDA.

United States Geological Survey (USGS): The USGS Arctic Magnetic Observatory is located adjacent to the CMDL Barrow Observatory and is operated by CMDL staff.

CMDL collaborates with the USGS Alaska Science Center and Russian National Academy in a study of arctic climate variability.

Mauna Loa Observatory is host to a USGS seismometer and tilt and strain well to monitor local lava flows and earthquakes.

AGENCIES -continued	helicopter landing sites used by the Parks Service for patrols and facility repairs.			
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): The EPA studies long-range transport of mercury in the atmosphere in a joint project with CMDL at Mauna Loa Observatory.			
	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA): Mauna Loa Observatory is host to an FAA GPS system for controlling aircraft in the Pacific Basin.			
	United States Army: Mauna Loa Observatory is host to a large command and control radio system used by the U.S. Army for the Pacific Army live fire base on the Island of Hawaii.			
	CMDL operates a solar radiation facility with the U.S. Army on Kwajalein Island, Pacific Ocean.			
	United States Air Force (USAF): The USAF ships helium, free of Charge, to CMDL balloon sites from a depot in Texas to any airbase in the world that is near a CMDL balloon site.			
	The Air Force samples air flasks for CMDL on Ascension Island in the mid-Atlantic Ocean.			
	A guest Air Force scientist at CMDL maintains and updates the MODTRAN radiative transfer code for the USAF.			
	Mauna Loa Observatory hosts a USAF-supported Civil Air Patrol radio rebroadcast facility covering the State of Hawaii.			
	Support is given to the BRW Observatory by the USAF Long Range Radar Site in Barrow, including snow removal and road maintenance.			
	National Science Foundation (NSF): CMDL operates the NSF-owned Clean Air Facility (CAF) at the South Pole and assists in instrumenting the NSF Summit, Greenland, research facility.			
	CMDL is host to a wide range of NSF-sponsored university research projects (in excess of 30) at the five CMDL Baseline stations.			
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES -continued	United States Navy (USN): Mauna Loa Observatory is host to a Navy camera system for the control and monitoring of bombing in the Pohakuloa live fire range.			
STATE AGENCIES	Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), Honolulu: Mercury samples collected at Mauna Loa Observatory are analyzed by the DOH.			
	Illinois State Water Survey, Urbana, Illinois: This agency hosts the CMDL Bondville aerosol monitoring site that has been monitoring the climate forcing properties of aerosols at that location since 1994.			
	Hawaii County Police, Hawaii: Mauna Loa Observatory hosts a radio re-broadcast facility for the police and Hawaii Civil Defense radios covering all of the Island of Hawaii.			
	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division: CMDL provides background values for a number of trace gases of interest			

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LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS	Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Colorado: Local radiation environment			
	Denver Water Board, Colorado: Local radiation environment			
	AEROMET Inc, Tulsa, Oklahoma: Activities at the Kwajalein BSRN site			
	Eppley Laboratory, Rhode Island: Instrument design, modification, and calibration			
	Atmospheric Observing Systems, Boulder, Colorado: Sampling systems			
	Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Inc.: Flask sampling			
	Biospheric Instruments, Inc., California: Solar radiation instruments			
	ENSI, Colorado: Ozonesondes			
	Joseph Sealy, Barbados: Flask sampling			
	Pinnacle Towers Inc., Texas : CO ₂ sampling tower			
	PIQUNIQ Management Corporation, Shemya, Alaska: Sampling			
	Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc., California: Flask sampling			
	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board: CO ₂ sampling tower			
	Atmospheric Environment Research (AER), Cambridge, Massachusetts: Airborne halocarbon data and modeling support			
	ASOS , Boulder, Colorado: CO ₂ monitors, airborne flask samplers			
LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS -	DuPont Company, New Jersey: Halocarbon emission estimates			
continued	M&D Consulting, Germany : Provides halocarbon emission data and uses halocarbon data to validate models			
UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS	Some universities have projects at more than one baseline observatory and sou universities have a number of different projects at one observatory.			
	Barrow Observatory, Alaska			
	Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla: Carbon cycle gas monitoring			
	University of Tokyo, Japan: Magnetic micropulsations			
	University of California, Irvine: Methane flask sampling, C ¹⁴ in air			
	Princeton University: Oxygen in air flask sampling			
	San Diego State University, California: Carbon-dioxide flux from the tundra.			
	State University of New York, Albany: Thaw depth in permafrost			
	University of Washington: Arctic coastal ice optical characteristics			

University of Alaska, Fairbanks: SuoimiNet GPS meteorology station, Institute of Arctic Biology – Arctic climate change studies, snow gauge studies

Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii

Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla: Carbon cycle gases and oxygen

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS -

Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii - continued

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University of California, Davis: Aerosol chemistry

University of Hawaii, Honolulu: Sulphate chemistry

State University of New York, Stonybrook: Carbon monoxide and its isotopes

California Institute of Technology: Cosmic dust fluxes

University of Massachusetts, Amherst: Stratospheric ozone profiles

University of California, Irvine: Trace gas sampling

University of New Hampshire, University of Hawaii, Michigan Aerospace, and

Mount Washington Observatory: GroundWinds lidar

University of Denver: FTIR columns spectra of atmospheric gases

Colorado State University, Fort Collins: Ultraviolet radiation project

Central Connecticut University: Clidar aerosol lidar project

University of Nations: Calibration of Microtops ozone meters

Kinki University, Japan: Solar radiation instrument calibration for satellite

measurements

Meteorological Research Institute, Japan: Spectral radiation calibrations for solar

radiation measurements

University of Michigan: Atmospheric lidar measurements

Trinidad Head Observatory, California

Humboldt State University, California: Operation of the Trinidad Head Baseline station and weekly release of ozonesondes

Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla, California: Joint collection of flask samples and sharing data

PARTNERSHIPS -

continued

Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla: Carbon cycle gases, halocarbons, and oxygen

University of California, Irvine: Methane flask sampling

Princeton University: Oxygen flask sampling

South Pole Observatory, Antarctica

Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla: Carbon cycle gases and oxygen sampling Sampling of firn air to delineate historic trends for trace gases

University of Arizona: Hydrogen peroxide

University of California, San Diego: Isotopes of oxygen

Georgia Institute of Technology: Sulphate and nitrogen chemistry reaction experiments

University of Idaho: Radiation measurements, Dome C, Antarctica

Niwot Ridge, Colorado, High Altitude Sampling Facility

University of Colorado, Mountain Research Station joint research and monitoring operations at Niwot Ridge, Colorado

CMDL Boulder, Colorado, David Skaggs Research Center

Institute for Alpine and Arctic Research (INSTAAR): Joint carbon cycle gas isotope research program.

PARTNERSHIPS - continued

Cooperative Dobson ozone total column spectrometer, surface ozone, and/or ozonesonde network

CNRS, University of Riems, Haute Provence, France

NIWA, Lauder, New Zealand,

Bureau of Meteorology, Perth, Australia

Meteorological and Hydrological Service, Marcapomacocha, Peru

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

Meteorological and Hydrological Service, San Cristobal, Galapagos, Eucador

Bermuda Biological Station, Tudor Hill, Bermuda

Tudor Hill, Bermuda, Bermuda Biological Station

NIWA, Arrival Heights, Antarctica

University of Alabama, Huntsville

University of Colorado, Boulder

Florida State University, Tallahassee

Humboldt State, Arcata, California

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Cooperative flask sampling program for carbon cycle and halocarbon gases, including aircraft sampling programs not listed under Carbon Cycle Network and Halocarbon Network Collaborations

University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Bristol, England

University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

PARTNERSHIPS - continued

University of Fiji

University College, Galway, Ireland

Harvard University, Massachusetts

Bowdoin College, Maine

Princeton University, New Jersey

Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania

Other University Collaborations

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: Aerosol monitoring

National Autonomous University of Mexico: Aerosol measurements

University of La Laguna, Spain: Aerosol data analysis

University of Stockholm, Sweden: Aerosol/cloud measurements

Dalhousie University, Canada: Joint ocean trace gas research

Universitaet Frankfurt, Germany, Institut fuer Meteorologie und Geophysik: Future surface sampling site, airborne trace gas research

University of Goteburg, Sweden: International assessment of ozone

Utrecht University, Netherlands: International assessment of ozone, studies of atmospheric methyl chloroform, intercomparisons of trace gases

University of New England, Maine and Bigelow, Laboratory: Joint ocean trace gas research

Princeton University: Ice firn research

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution: Joint ocean trace gas research

PARTNERSHIPS - continued

Other University Collaborations - continued

University of Idaho: Dome Concordia (Antarctica) Satellite (AIRS) surface characteristics and temperature validations studies

University of Washington: Study of snow-air interactions and radiation regime at Dome Concordia

University of Alabama: Cloud detection automation

Sinte Gleska University, South Dakota: Educational partnership

University of California, San Diego, Scripps: ABC radiation calibrations

University of Washington: Studies of snow surface properties in Antarctica

Hampton University: Balloon-borne radiavtive flux measurements

Colorado State University: IR Calibration exchange and occasional academic lectures

University of Toronto, Canada: SEARCH and Canadian Network for Detection of Arctic Change

Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich: BSRN calibrations

Eppley Laboratory, Rhode Island: Instrument design, modification, and calibration

University of Utah: Aerosol data analysis

National Autonomous University of Mexico: Aerosol measurements and analysis

University of La Laguna, Spain: Aerosol data analysis

Harvard Forest Observatory, Harvard: Carbon cycle gas measurements

INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIPS

CMDL operates an international cooperative flask-sampling program for carbon cycle and halocarbon gases, including aircraft sampling. The country of the measurement and the cooperating agency or individual is listed.

Estevan Point, Canada
Fortaleza, Brazil:
Molokai Island, Hawaii
Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Santarem, Brazil
Alert, Nunavut, Canada
Ascension Island.

Assekrem, Algeria Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal

Baltic Sea, Poland St. Davids Head, Bermuda

Tudor Hill, Bermuda Black Sea, Constanta, Romania

Cape Grim, Tasmania, Australia Christmas Island, Kiribati Crozet Island, France

Easter Island, Chile Mariana Islands, Guam Halley Station, Antarctica Hegyhatsal, Hungary

Storhofdi, Iceland Tenerife, Canary Islands Sary Taukum, Kazakhstan

Plateau Assy, Kazakhstan Mace Head, Ireland Sand Island, Midway Gobabeb, Namibia Ochsenkopf, Germany

Pallas-Sammaltunturi, Finland

Pacific Ocean, N/A Ragged Point, Barbados Mahe Island, Seychelles Shemya Island, Alaska South Pacific Ship, N/A Ocean Station M, Norway Syowa Station, Antarctica

Shemya Island, Alaska Tae-ahn Peninsula, Korea H.F. Schulz LBA INPE/CPTEC Hawaii Air Ambulance Air Rarotonga LTD LBA INPE/CPTEC

Meteorological Service of Canada

USAF

Office de la Meteorologie Instituto de Meteorologia Morski Instytut Rybacki Bermuda Biological Station Bermuda Biological Station Marine Research Institute

CSIRO Dive Kiribati

Centre des Faibles Radioactivities Direccion Meteorologica de Chile

Guam Marine Laboratory British Antarctic Survey

Hungarian Meteorological Service Icelandic Meteorological Office Instituto Nacional de Meteorologia Institute of Environment

Institute of Environment
Institute of Environment
University College Galway

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Desert Research Foundation
Max Planck Institute

viax i lanck institute

Finnish Meteorological Institute

Volunteer Ship Program

Private Party

Seychelles Bureau of Standards
PIQUNIQ Management Corp.
Voluntary Observing Ship
Norway Meteorological Institute
Institute of Polar Research
PIQUNIQ Management Corp.

Korea-China Centre for Atmospheric Research

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS - continued	CMDL operates an international cooperative flask-sampling program for carbon cycle and halocarbon gases, including aircraft sampling. The country of the measurement and the cooperating agency or individual is listed.		
	Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina Ulaan Uul, Mongolia Sede Boker, Israel Mt. Waliguan, China Ny-Alesund, Svalbard	Mongoli Weizma Chinese	Meteorologico Nacional an Hydromet nn Institute of Science Academy of Meteorological Sciences Meteorological Institute
OTHER INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS	CMDL has a variety of Partnerships, Cooperative Agreements and Memorandum of Understandings with agencies in other countries to conduct sampling and other measurements.		
	National Institute of Polar Research, Japan Environment Canada Meteorological Service National Academy of Sciences, Russia		Studies of polar aerosol optical properties
			SEARCH, and joint research operations at Alert and Eureka Cooperation on BSRN site
	Roshydromet, Russia		SEARCH, and establishment of climate monitoring station in Northern Siberia
	World Meteorological Organization, Switzerland		BSRN, GAW, and GCOS activities
	World Radiation Center, Switzerland		Radiometer calibration and characterization studies
	World Climate Research Program, Geneva		BSRN and GEWEX activities
	Bureau of Meteorology, Perth, Austr	ralia	Operates a Dobson spectrophotometer under supervision of CMDL

OTHER	Czech Hydrometeorological Institute	Collaboration on calibrations of
INTERNATIONAL	Carrie II, di onicio di onicio di carrie instituto	Dobson instruments
PARTNERSHIPS -		
continued	Centre National de la Recherche	Operates a Dobson
	Scientifique, France	spectrophotometer under
		supervision of CMDL and University of Reims
		Oniversity of Remis
	Deutscher Wetterdienst, Germany	Calibrations of Dobson
		spectrophotometers
	Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas	Dobson spectrophotometer
	Espaciais (INPE), Brazil	calibrations; joint WMO/GAW
		operations.
	National Institute of Water & Atmospheric	Operates a Dobson
	Research, New Zealand	spectrophotometer under
		supervision of CMDL
	Servicio Meteorológico Nacional, Argentina	Calibrations of Dobson
		spectrophotometers
	Servicio Nacional de Meteorología e	Operates Dobson
	Hidrología del Perú	spectrophotometer under
		supervision of CMDL
	South African Weather Bureau	Calibrations of Dobson
		spectrophotometers
	Max Planck Institute for Chemie, Mainz,	TROICA Trans-Siberian
	Germany	Observations into the Chemistry of
		the Atmosphere
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	University of Kiel, Institute für Meerskunde,	Halocarbon measurements
	Kiel, Germany	